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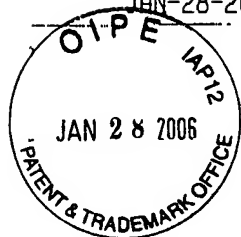

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With reference to serial number 10/791,094 (attorney docket no. H1844), the following are being submitted:

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- Fee Address Indication Form
- Comments on Examiner's Reasons for Allowance



Docket No.: H1844

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Darin A. Chan, et al. : Confirmation No.: 2464
Serial No.: 10/791,094 : Art Unit: 2826
Filed: 3/1/2004 : Examiner: Kevin V. Quinto
For: TRENCHES TO REDUCE LATERAL SILICIDE GROWTH IN
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

DOES NOT AFFECT PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10)

Sir/Madam:

The following Comments are submitted in response to the Notice of Allowability dated November 3, 2005. Applicants respectfully request no reduction of the Patent Term Adjustment in accordance with Clarification of 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) – "Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance has been Mailed", 1247 Official Gazette Patent Office 111 (June 26, 2001), which states:

"The submission of the following paper after a Notice of Allowance is not considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination for an application: ... (6) a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance or a request to correct an error or omission in the 'Notice of Allowance' or 'Notice of Allowability' ... [underlining and deletion for clarity]

COMMENTS

Concerning the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, it is respectfully submitted that claims 16 and 18-24 are allowable because they claim a combination, which includes, *inter alia*, concepts related to those addressed by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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